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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016

DATE: January 6, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: James Popovich, Specialty Courts Manager, 2nd Judicial District Court
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THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Request the Board of County Commissioners to acknowledge a grant award and a FY16 General Fund allocation of \$314,136, awarded to the Second Judicial District Court, to help support and increase the number of participants served through the expansion of the existing Mental Health Court, titled the Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court, creation of a new Medication Assisted Treatment Court, and expansion of the existing Adult Drug Court, effective retroactively from November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. [All Commission Districts]

SUMMARY

The Second Judicial District Court has been awarded \$314,136 for the creation of new Specialty Courts, to enhance existing Specialty Courts, and to increase the number of participants served.

The enhancement to our existing Mental Health Court, titled the Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court, will serve mentally ill defendants from across the Northern Nevada region, to include six rural counties of Carson, Douglas, Storey, Lyon, Churchill, and Mineral. The funding will be used to serve those transferred to the Second Judicial District's Mental Health Court. The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include drug testing, case management, bus passes, and housing.

The new Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Court will provide a formal therapeutic court to address substance uses disorders with participants actively engaged in a medication assisted treatment program, under the direction of a licensed physician. The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include substance abuse counseling, drug testing, case management, and to contract with an MAT qualified Physician.

The expansion of the existing Adult Drug Court will allow for the adoption of an evidence-based risk assessment tool and to contract with a co-occurring capable treatment provider. The integration of both of these services are aligned with the

National Association of Drug Court Professional's *Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards* and the Bureau of Justice Assistance *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure, and healthy communities. It also supports the District Court's goal to alleviate jail overcrowding.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous Board action.

BACKGROUND

The 78th session of the Nevada Legislature provided a general fund appropriation of three million dollars each year of the biennium to enhance specialty court programs. The Administrative Office of the Courts sent a request for applications in August 2015 to each participating District statewide to submit applications for new or existing Specialty Courts. A condition of this funding is to serve an additional 800-900 participants statewide, each year of the biennium.

The Specialty Court Funding Committee met three times from August to October and finalized the Nevada Specialty Court Funding Guidelines and Criteria. They also voted on how to divide the available funding amongst the participating Districts.

Subcommittees within each District then met and decided how each region would further divide their funding. The Judicial Council of the State of Nevada then met in October 2015 and approved the proposed funding amounts for each District and their respective Courts.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Second Judicial District Court Medication Assisted Treatment Court; Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court; Expansion to Adult Drug Court

Scope of the Project: The Second Judicial District Court's Medication Assisted Treatment Court will serve up to 25 new participants, through the remainder of the fiscal year 2016. The target population are adult defendants who are struggling with opioid abuse and could benefit from receiving medication assisted treatment services, through an intensive, judicial, therapeutic intervention. These services will include behavioral health as well as medication assisted treatment. The goal is to aid the opioid abuser in remaining abstinent from any further illicit drug use and to prevent recidivism.

The Second Judicial District Court's Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court will serve up to 50 new participants, through the remainder of the fiscal year 2016. The target

population are adult defendants from any of the six rural counties of Carson, Douglas, Storey, Lyon, Churchill, and Mineral who are struggling with mental illness and could benefit from receiving mental health treatment and case management services, through an intensive, judicial, therapeutic intervention.

The Second Judicial District Court's Adult Drug Court expansion will serve up to 45 new participants, through the remainder of the fiscal year 2016. The target population are adult defendants who are struggling with substance abuse and could benefit from receiving co-occurring treatment, through an intensive, judicial, therapeutic intervention. These services will include a risk assessment screening in addition to a comprehensive evaluation for mental health and substance abuse.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The goal of these new courts is to assist the substance abusing and mentally ill defendants in becoming productive members of society through abstaining from any further illicit drug use and preventing recidivism.

On-Going Program Support: The grant award is to be used to serve new participants and will support the Second Judicial District Court's needs in providing these services through the creation of new Specialty Court and expansion of existing Courts.

Award Amount: \$314,136.00.

Grant Period: November 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Funding Source: State of Nevada – General Fund Allocation.

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: FY16 Specialty Court General Fund Allocation

Match Amount and Type: N/A

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contractor's will be selected based on their ability to provide the treatment services required to fulfill the goals and mission of each Court. A requirement of each Contractor is that they adhere to best practices and use evidence-based, assessment instruments and treatment curriculum. They will work with the Specialty Court in tracking and providing outcome data as well as preparing reports.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$314,136.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

NRR Mental Health Court – IO 20417

I.O.	G/L Account		Amount
20417	471220	Court Admin Assess	\$ 74,931.00
20417	710100	Professional Services	\$31,317.00
20417	710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 1,850.00
20417	701110	Base Salaries	\$ 32,262.65
20417	705210	Retirement	\$ 9,033.54
20417	705230	Medicare	\$ 467.81

Medication Assisted Treatment Court – IO 20418

I.O.	G/L Account		Amount
20418	471220	Court Admin Assess	\$ 152,205.00
20418	701110	Base Salaries	\$ 7,725.00
20418	705210	Retirement	\$ 2,163.00
20418	705230	Medicare	\$ 112.00
20418	710100	Professional Services	\$ 74,000.00
20418	710300	Operating Supplies	\$68,205.00

SC Adult Drug Court –IO 20419

I.O.	G/L Account		Amount
20419	471220	Court Admin Assess	\$ 87,000.00
20419	710100	Base Salaries	\$ 61,799.92
20419	705210	Retirement	\$ 17,303.98
20419	705230	Medicare	\$ 896.10
20419	710100	Professional Services	\$5,685.00
20419	710300	Operating Supplies	\$ 315.00
20419	710500	Other Expense	\$1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge a grant award and a FY16 General Fund allocation of \$314,136, awarded to the Second Judicial District Court, to help support and increase the number of participants served through the expansion of the existing Mental Health Court, titled the Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court, creation of a new Medication Assisted Treatment Court, and expansion of the existing Adult Drug Court, effective November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move that the Board of County Commissioners to acknowledge a grant award and a FY16 General Fund allocation of \$314,136, awarded to the Second Judicial District Court, to help support and increase the number of participants served through the expansion of the existing Mental Health Court, titled the Northern Nevada Regional Mental Health Court, creation of a new Medication Assisted Treatment Court, and expansion of the existing Adult Drug Court, effective November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. [All Commission Districts]